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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV300-7-16

SUBJECT: LTP – Second WHIP ranking period

Purpose: To announce a second ranking period for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Expiration Date: This Bulletin expires September 30, 2007

A second ranking date is set for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). This second ranking period will allow us to quickly obligate expected additional WHIP funds coming to West Virginia. This new ranking period allows applicants who missed the original end of ranking date consideration for funding.

The attached timeline lists milestones to obligating the funds. Please note the new milestone of July 27 when participants will have filed all necessary forms with FSA to prove eligibility or lose funding consideration in this ranking period.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Herbert Andrick, ASTC-Programs at 304-284-7560.

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FY 2007 Second WHIP Timeline

WHIP

June 14, 2007 State Conservationist announces end of ranking period cut off date.

June 29, 2007 End of Ranking Period.

July 12, 2007 DCs complete ranking of applications. All EQIP applications, cost estimates and ranking data are entered into ProTracts. Application status is moved from pending to eligible.

July 13, 2007 ASTC-Programs will select applications for contract development, based on ranking points and funding availability, from the ProTracts database.

July 16, 2007 DC notifies the applicants selected for contract development via letter, using ProTracts.

July 27, 2007 Applications selected for funding are marked as Pre-approved or Approved in ProTracts.

July 27, 2007 Producer files all eligibility forms with FSA or loses funding consideration in this ranking period.

August 17, 2007 All Contract folders delivered to Area staff for review and contract obligation. DC's will promptly notify the ASTC (FO) and ASTC (Programs) in writing of any problems with applicant cancellations. All conservation plans and contract support documents will be developed in Toolkit. The contract support documents will be uploaded into ProTracts, according to the guidance and instructions for the use of ProTracts.

August 31, 2007 All contracts obligated in ProTracts